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1. IN REFTEL (B) EMBASSY FORWARDED TEXT OF NOTES EXCHANGED.
GOZ NOTE WAS HAND DELIVERED TO EMBASSY LATE THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER
22. ON ASSUMPTION THAT THESE NOTES ARE ACCEPTABLE, WE BELIEVE
GOZ OFFICIALS WILL INSTRUCT THEIR WASHINGTON EMBASSY ALONG
FOLLOWING LINES:

A) INTEREST HERE IS FOR U.S. NO. 5 LONG GRAIN, NOT MORE THAN
20 PERCENT BROKENS, IN 100-LB. BAGS. GOZ DEPT OF AGRICULTURE
OFFICIAL INSTRUCTED CENTRAL BANK OFFICIAL TO CABLE Z/EMB/W
REQUESTING NO. 2 CORN. PER OGSM FASTO 25, PARA 1, AND OUR TOFAS
13, PARA. 2, QUOTING ST. JOHN CABLE, WE HAVE ADVISED GOZ OFFI-
CIALS TO HAVE CORN CONTRACTING AND DELIVERY DATES AS CLOSE TO
RICE AS POSSIBLE TO FACILITATE SHIPMENT TO ZAIRE. IF, HOWEVER,
THERE IS A PROBLEM, WE HAVE SUGGESTED REPEAT TO FOLLOW OGSM
ADVICE.

B) CONTRACTING AND DELIVERY ASAP FOR RICE. COUNTRY TEAM
BELIEVES THAT, IF POSSIBLE, DELIVERY SHOULD BE COMPLETED ON OR
BEFORE OCTOBER 31, AS NORMAL SHIP TRANSIT TIME BETWEEN UNITED
STATES AND MATADI IS 3-1/2 TO 4 WEEKS. END-OCTOBER DELIVERY
WOULD ENSURE RICE ARRIVAL LATE NOVEMBER, THUS ALLOWING U.S.
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RICE MOVEMENT INTO MARKET PRIOR TO ARRIVAL DOMESTIC RICE CROP.

C) IN INTERNAL SEPTEMBER 15 COMMUNICATION, BANK OF KINSHASA
INSTRUCTED THEIR QUOTE SECRETARIAT DU CHANGE UNQUOTE TO DIVIDE
THE USD 3.9 MILLION RICE ALLOCATION AS FOLLOWS:

BANQUE DE KINSHASA - \$1,677,000

BANQUE DU PEUPLE - \$2,223,000

(EUROPEAN AMERICAN BANK AND TRUST COMPANY REMAINS

U.S. CORRESPONDENT FOR BOTH BANKS.)

CORN PURCHASE TO BE HANDLED THROUGH BANQUE DU PEUPLE WITH IRVING TRUST COMPANY, NEW YORK AS U.S. CORRESPONDENT. AGATT HAS A COPY OF INTERNAL BANK OF KINSHASA INSTRUCTION.

D) STORAGE IS NOT A PROBLEM. THIS WAS DISCUSSED WITH KEEFER DURING VISIT. PORT FACILITIES QUITE ADEQUATE AND UNDER PRESENT STABILIZATION PROGRAM, GENERAL IMPORTS ARE DOWN SO THAT PORT STORAGE FACILITIES ARE QUITE ADEQUATE.

2. C.T. MEMBERS CONTINUE TO REMIND GOZ OF NEED TO SUBMIT DATA AND REPORTS ON A TIMELY BASIS.

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